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| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, to (a) They raise new issues that would require further core (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo (c) They are not deemed to place the application in bet appeal; and/or (d) They present additional claims without canceling a content of the conte | nsideration and/or search (see NOT<br>w);<br>ter form for appeal by materially rec  | E below);<br>ducing or simplifying the                   |                                      |
| NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).  4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.12  5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):  6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all non-allowable claim(s).  |   |  |                                      |
| 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is prove The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  Claim(s) allowed:  Claim(s) objected to:  Claim(s) rejected: 7.  Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |   | l be entered and an exp                                  | olanation of                         |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE  |   |  |                                      |
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| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER</li> <li>The request for reconsideration has been considered but</li> </ol>  |   | •  |                                      |
| See Continuation Sheet.  12. Note the attached Information <i>Disclosure Statement</i> (s).  |   | CONDITION ANDWARD  | e pecause.                           |
| 13.  Other:  |   |  |                                      |
| /Ardin Marschel/<br>Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1614   |   |  |                                      |

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The 103 rejection is maintained for reasons of record as the only argument regarding two modifications via the prior art are still deemed obvious as each is reasonably suggested as noted of record..